



LESSON 1

Dear Parents,

This week your teenager studied the first lesson in our four-part series entitled Jesus and Loving Others. The main point this week centered on Jesus' teaching, referred to as the Greatest Commandment, that to love God and to love others is the true fulfillment of the heart of God's law. Jesus was very adamant that loving others should be one of the key elements in the life of a Christian, second only to loving God! The students were challenged to really evaluate their lives and see how this concept fleshes out in their day-to-day living.

We looked at the following Scripture passages:

- Matthew 22:34-40
- 1 John 3:10

Next Steps . . .

Each week your teenager will be challenged to apply what he or she has learned. You can help your teenager continue to apply the Bible to daily life by taking some time to engage them in a conversation using the following ideas:

- See if your teenager remembers what Jesus said was the greatest commandment. Ask why he or she thinks Jesus put so much emphasis on loving other people.
- Help your teenager consider how the concept of loving others can start in your home. What are some areas in which your teenager already thrives? Where does your teenager need to work on this a little more?
- See if your teenager can think of ways that "loving others" can be practiced in daily life such as through church ministry projects, mission trips, or individual efforts. Offer to help with any idea your teenager may have.

I WILL BE GLAD TO DISCUSS WITH YOU ANY CURRENT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY OR MISSION EVENTS WE HAVE GOING ON IN OUR STUDENT MINISTRY OR AT OUR CHURCH. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF I CAN HELP YOU IN ANY WAY.